

5 to guide the tracing and separating means through the hair and part the hair according to  
6 the predetermined pattern.

1 16. (Amended) The system of claim 15, wherein the stencil is a flattened elongated stencil is  
2 formed from a resilient material that is capable of conforming to the curvature of a human  
3 head.

1 17. (Amended) The system of claim 14, wherein the styling edge comprises a plurality of  
2 repeating geometric protrusions.

1 21. (Amended) A method of styling hair comprising:  
2 a. providing a stencil with a predetermined pattern;  
3 b. placing the stencil over an area of the hair;  
4 c. tracing the predetermined pattern from the stencil and through the hair with a  
5 parting device while holding the stencil in place over the area of the hair; and  
6 d. separating the hair along the trace.

1 24. (New) A stencil for parting hair according to a predetermined pattern, the stencil  
2 comprising an flattened elongated body with a continuous styling edge, the continuous  
3 styling edge comprising a plurality of geometric protrusions, wherein the stencil is  
4 configured to be held stationary against the hair while tracing a portion of the continuous  
5 styling edge with a parting device through the hair to form a part in the hair with a shape  
6 that is substantially similar the portion of the continuous styling edge.

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8 25. (New) The system of claim 14, wherein the tracing a separating means comprises a first  
9 handle and a second handle, the first handle being attached to a pointed tip section  
10 through a first hinge element and the second handle being attached to the pointed tip  
11 section through a second hinge element, wherein unattached ends of the handles are  
12 capable of being aligned in a closed position and separated in an open position in a jaw  
13 like fashion about the pointed tip section through the first hinge element and the second  
14 hinge element.

1 26. (New) A hair styling system for parting hair comprising:  
2 a. an extended tip section comprising a pointed end;

- b. a first handle section with a proximal and distal end;
  - c. a second handle section with a proximal and distal end;
  - d. a first hinge for adjoining the first handle near its distal end to the extended tip section;
  - e. a second hinge for adjoining the second handle near its distal end to the extended tip section wherein first and second handle are capable of being place in a closed position by aligned the proximal ends and placed in an open position by separating the proximal ends; and
  - f. a stencil with a contoured styling edge,
- wherein hair is parted by holding the stencil against the user's head, guiding the pointed end of the extended tip section through a section of hair along the contoured styling edge of the stencil with the first and the second handle in the closed position and placing the first and second handle in the open position.

27. (New) A method of parting hair in a preferred configuration comprising:

- a. placing a template with patterned edge on a section of hair;
- b. placing a pointed tip portion of a styling device near the patterned edge of the template, the styling device comprising a first and a second handle coupled by one end of each of the first and a second handles to the pointed tip portion through a first and a second hinge element;
- c. tracing along the a pattered edge of the template with the handles aligned in a closed position and the pointed tip portion pointing in a forward tracing direction; and
- d. separating the handles to an open position about the pointed tip portion, thereby parting the hair in the preferred pattern.

28. (New) A device for parting hair comprising:

- a. means to trace, for tracing a part through a section of hair, the means to trace comprising a pointed tip and a template with pattern for guiding the pointed tip along a user's salp; and
- b. means to separate the hair along the part, the means to separate the hair along the part comprising a first and a second handle each coupled to the means to trace through a first and a second hinge element such that the hair is capable of being separated without removing the means to trace from the section of hair.

- 1      29.    (New) A method of making a hair parting system comprising:
- 2            a.      forming a flexible elongated stencil with a plurality geometric protrusions along a
- 3                    styling edge; and
- 4            b.      forming a parting device comprising an extended tip section with a pointed end,
- 5            wherein the separate parting device is configured to trace a pattern through the hair and
- 6            along the styling edge of the stencil, while the styling stencil is held against the hair.
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- 1      30.    (New) The method of claim 29, further comprising:
- 2            a.      forming a first elongated handle;
- 3            b.      forming a second elongated handle; and
- 4            c.      attaching the first and the second elongated handle opposite of the pointed end of
- 5                    the extended tip section through hinge elements, such that unattached ends of the
- 6                    handles are capable of being aligned in a closed position and separated in an open
- 7                    position in a jaw like fashion through the hinge elements.